

23 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Travel Expenses - [REDACTED]

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1. We have reviewed the [REDACTED] case thoroughly in connection with travel expenses to Boston and return, and [REDACTED] has gone over it in detail with Colonel White. There appears to be no question that the ailment treated was an outgrowth of his line-of-duty injury and that the diagnosis provided by the Lahey Clinic was of benefit to the Government in its handling of the case and was, therefore, a proper charge in the opinion of the Bureau of Employees Compensation.

2. Under the circumstances, however, it is our opinion that the Comptroller General would rule against allowance of the travel expenses involved. There appears to be an inconsistency here as the travel resulted in treatment which was in the best interest of the Government, and the Court of Claims might take the equities of the case into consideration and hold the Government responsible for the travel costs. The existing legal rule seems well established, however, and this appears to be one of those cases where an employee has suffered a financial hardship due to circumstances arising out of his employment but which is not reimbursable under the laws relating to expenditure of official funds.

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